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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Building - Fulfillment of Commitments

1. On 22 October I received a telephone call from Don Chaney, General Counsel of the National Capitol Planning Commission who informed me that the President had signed the tripartite agreement for local contribution to the cost of acquiring rights-of-way for the Parkway and that the document was at that moment on his desk. We agreed that the Commission would notify us of this fact in writing. On 24 October I was advised by Chaney that the letter had been prepared and was awaiting signature.

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2. On 24 October, [] and I reviewed the special vital document file on commitments to insure its completeness and concluded that upon receipt of the letter promised by Chaney we would be in a position to recommend to the Director that he determine that the Congressional condition requiring written commitments from local authorities had been satisfied, thereby releasing appropriated funds for expenditure, obligation or transfer to other Federal agencies. A staff study to this effect was drafted.

3. About 22 October I received a call from S. Z. (Sandy) Phillips of the Bureau of Public Roads, who inquired what action we wished to take on a request from the State of Virginia for transfer of a strip of our property adjoining route 123 in order that 123 might be widened. I stated that I felt sure the Agency would be willing to release this promptly because the widening was for our ultimate benefit but suggested that the matter be held off until the present transfer of land had been completed. Phillips agreed.

4. About 22 October I spoke to John Fichling of the GSA/PBS. He is monitoring the land transfer. He advised me that they had everything they need except an appraised valuation of the land which their appraiser is now working on. They expect to have the appraisal by the end of the month and will then submit the papers to the Bureau of the Budget.

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5. After the papers are in Budget, Fichling recommends that the Agency take appropriate action to expedite the approval. Fichling commented that he had not yet received the request from Interior for that portion of the property which they wish; this will not, however, hold up the transfer to us.

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